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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Black, et al.  
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Examiner: Navarro, A.

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT, UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2000 (Paper No. 3) (herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

This Amendment is believed timely filed with a one (1) month extension of time. Should this Amendment not be considered timely filed with a one (1) month extension, Applicants hereby request a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain penance of the Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> If an Extension is deemed necessary, please consider this Paper to comprise a Petition for such an Extension.